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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL IN IRISH INDEPENDENT JANUARY 19, 1978

FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARED IN IRISH INDEPENDENT JANUARY
19, 1978 UNDER HEADING SOVIET AIRLIFT:

SOMALIA HAS APPEALED TO THE WEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN BATTLING
AN ETHIOPIA WHICH ACCORDING TO SOME DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN
BRUSSELS, IS NOW RECEIVING MASSIVE ARMS AID FROM THE SOVIET
UNION. ACCORDING TO THE SOMALIS THE ETHIOPIANS HAVE BEEN
GETTING A HUGE AIRLIFT OF ARMS DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS
AND THAT MILITARY AID IS COMING VIA SOVIET SHIPS AS WELL.
THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS THAT CUBANS HAVE BEEN FLOWN INTO
ETHIOPIA TO HELP THE BELEAGUERED FORCES IN THAT COUNTRY.

IF ALL THESE REPORTS ARE TRUE THEN THE SOVIET UNION HAS
INDEED STATED ITS POSITION IN THAT PART OF AFRICA, AND
HAS PROVED ONCE AGAIN THAT IT IS OUT TO WIN A STRATEGIC
POSITION IN SOME AFRICAN COUNTRY.

THE SOMALIS HAD, UNTIL VERY RECENTLY, BEEN THE RECIPIENTS
OF SOVIET AID BUT THEY HAVE NOW GIVEN THEIR RUSSIAN
ADVISORS A HEFTY SHOVE. AT THE SAME TIME THEY HAVE
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WAGED A WAR WHICH CARRIED THEM INTO PARTS OF ETHIOPIA
WHICH, THEY CLAIM, ARE THEIRS.

AMERICA, HOWEVER, HAS MADE IT VERY PLAIN THAT SHE DOES NOT
INTEND TO RESPOND TO PLEAS FOR HELP. STUNG IN VIETNAM SHE
WANTS TO AVOID FURTHER WOUNDS IN AFRICA. SOMALIA, A
COUNTRY WITH MAINLY MOSLEN INHABITANTS, IS LIKELY

THEREFORE TO PRESS FELLOW-ARABS FOR HELP - AND MAY WELL GET
IT. THE ARABS HAVE ALWAYS REGARDED SOVIET INTERVENTION IN
THAT AREA WITH THE GREATEST SUSPICION, AND SINCE THEY HAVE
NO REGARD WHATSOEVER FOR THE RUTHLESS MILITARY WHO RULE
ETHIOPIA HAVE NO SCRUPLES ABOUT ENTERING THE CONFLICT.
BUT WHETHER THEIR SUPPORT WILL BALANCE OUT MASSIVE SOVIET
AID IS A MOOT POINT. KRENE

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